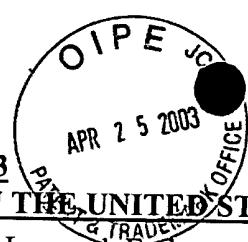


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In response to the Office Action dated 21 January 2003, the applicant requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. Claims 2, 3, 24-28, 41-48, 50-52, and 65-68 are pending in the application, and are rejected. None of the claims have been amended.